

12 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. Ed Saunders is requesting your approval to write off a net shortage of \$3.00 which has developed in the accounts of the [REDACTED]

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2. In September 1952, a cash overage of \$16.00 had been reported and no explanation could ever be given.

3. During January 1953, a cash shortage of \$19.00 was reported. Again, no explanation could be found.

4. Since it has been noted that you've asked Ed Saunders to discuss with you his request for write-off of the \$70 shortage in the FE area, it is felt that you may wish to talk to him about the accompanying [REDACTED] case at the same time. (You will recall the General Counsel's view that the \$70 loss did not represent a situation unique to CIA's operations or inherently growing out of the special operating requirements of this Agency. The General Counsel concluded therefore that write-off in that case would not be justified. This case ([REDACTED] shortage of \$3) would seem to fall in the same category.)

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